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VISITS OF JAPANESE TO UNITED STATES
FORCES, JAPAN FACILITIES AND AREAS

PURPOSE: To announce policy for visits of certain categories of Japanese nationals to US Forces, Japan facilities and areas.

1. Scope. Applicable to all organizations, agencies or activities of the Department of Defense in Japan under the provisions of the Status of Forces Agreement.

2. General. In order to recognize the relationship and coordination necessary between the Government of Japan and US Forces, Japan under the Status of Forces Agreement, a visit control procedure for Japanese nationals has been established for significant visits to US Forces facilities and areas.

3. Policy. All requests for permission to visit USFJ installations will be evaluated by Service commanders as to whether the visit is categorized as a significant visit or a normal visit according to the following guidelines:

a. Category I - Significant Visit: Visits by Diet members, national level officials of the Government of Japan, prefectural governors, nationally prominent Japanese, or any other visit where significant publicity or consequences may be anticipated.

b. Category II - Normal Visit: Visits by local officials or persons of local prominence, visits representing normal installation business, visits of a social nature or any other visit where no significant publicity or consequences may be anticipated.

4. Procedures.

a. Japanese nationals determined to be in Category I above requesting permission to visit USFJ installations will be advised by the

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commander concerned that the request should be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, for processing through Joint Committee channels. There will be no processing by US Forces personnel without a recommendation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Upon receipt of this recommendation, request for permission to visit USFJ installations will be forwarded by Hq USFJ to the appropriate Service commanders together with a Hq USFJ recommendation as to whether or not the request should be granted. Service commanders will advise Hq USFJ (Attn: J5) of action taken on all requests received by this procedure.

b. Japanese nationals determined to be in Category II above will be processed by commanders concerned in accordance with Service visit control procedures.

c. Nothing in the foregoing will be construed as impinging on the prerogative of the commander concerned to deny entry to USFJ installations for sufficient reasons.

5. Responsibilities.

a. Service commanders will be responsible for evaluation and processing of visits to their installations in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4.

b. Hq USFJ will assist Service commanders in evaluation of requests and in coordinating action through Joint Committee channels, as required.

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